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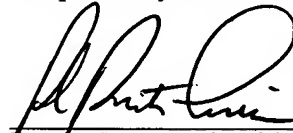
Applicants have amended the specification by inserting references under 35 USC 119 and 120 to the parent application and the European application from which this application and the parent application claim priority. Applicants have also added a new claim to round out the coverage to which applicants are entitled.

Early action allowing the claims in this application is solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 246472003920.

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